

INFORMATION

AGENDA ITEM: Young Adult Services

GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:

CURRENT STATUS: In August 1999, the Library of California Board adopted a motion “to pursue a legislative vehicle(s) to implement a statewide Young Adult Services Program based on a program design that was initially adopted by the Board in August 1998.” Since the last Board meeting, the following activities have occurred:

AB 2486 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On February 24, 2000, Assemblymember Carl Washington (52nd District), a member of the Assembly Select Committee on Adolescence, introduced AB 2486 to create the “Youth Development and Mentoring Program.” A copy of the most recently amended version of the bill is appended (Exhibit A).

Sponsored by the Library of California Board, endorsed by the California Library Association, the California School Library Association and approved by the California Department of Education, the bill is based on the program design that was initially adopted by the Board in August 1998.

According to the bill, the State Librarian shall award grants to public libraries that provide services to youth, including but not limited to occupational and post-secondary education information, a homework center, a mentoring center, and a resources clearinghouse providing information regarding local after school programs and activities for youth. * \$2.5 million is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Librarian for the purpose of allocating funds on a grant award basis to public libraries. The bill passed out of the Assembly to the Senate on May 31, 2000 by a vote of 55-20.

* July 6, 2000 version

AB 2486 HEARINGS

AB 2486 was heard by the Senate Education Committee on Wednesday, June 28, 2000 and passed by a vote of 12-1.

Testimony was provided by: Susan Steinhauser (Library of California Board); Christina Dillon (representing CLA); Monique le Conge (Library Director, Benicia Public Library); Deborah Graf (Library Director, Yuba County Library); Tina Hester (Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority); Jeff Frost (California School Library Association); Representative from Dept. of Education; Representative from the PTA. The bill will go to Senate Appropriations on August 7, 2000.

AB 2486 AMENDMENTS

The bill was amended in Senate on Tuesday, June 20, 2000. Changes included:

- Addition of forty three assembly members as co-authors
- Evaluation completion date changed to January 1, 2003
- Number of public library jurisdictions changed to 179
- Matching formula for grants awarded in second year changed to one dollar (\$1) for each four dollars (\$4) awarded

The bill was amended in Senate on Thursday, July 6, 2000. Changes included:

- Addition of ten senators as co-authors
- Age of youth changed to 18 years of age (was 19)

Assembly Select Committee On Adolescence

This committee was created at the request of Assemblywoman Susan Davis (San Diego) who recognized the plight of California's adolescents. The purpose of the committee was to investigate the normal and problematic issues of this underserved segment of California's population. Committee members included: Dion Aroner, Patricia Bates, Audie Bock, Hannah-Beth Jackson, Alan Lowenthal, Kerry Mazzoni, Robert Pacheco, Virginia Strom-Martin, Carl Washington, Herb Wesson, Charlene Zettel. A series of three public hearings was held and the committee heard from LoC Board Members, the library community, youth, parents, and representatives from health, mental health, education, juvenile justice, human services, etc., to determine how California could best serve adolescent youth. The committee planned to develop and introduce legislation in January 2000 related to adolescents. A copy of the title page, table of contents and recommendation #13 of the report from the Assembly Select Committee on Adolescence is attached. (Exhibit B)

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Relevant Committee: Access Services
Staff Liaison: Bessie Condos Tichauer